

PRESIDENT TAFT
WALKS TO CHURCH,
SURPRISES CROWD

Persons at All Souls' Watching for Auto When He Suddenly Appears.

ACCOMPANIED BY
BROTHER CHARLES

Leaves Services and Takes Walk
Before Returning to White
House.

President Taft stole a march on several hundred persons who were waiting for him outside All Souls' Church this morning by suddenly appearing among them and walking calmly into the church with his brother, Charles P. Taft.

The policeman stationed there and the church officers were expecting the arrival of the President in an automobile, and he had almost entered the edifice escorted by the Secret Service men, when he was suddenly recognized. He might have passed without attracting the attention of the crowd had he not removed his hat to salute a friend.

No Demonstration.

There was no demonstration along the street or at the church, but there was a noticeable craning of necks when it became known that the Chief Executive was in the vicinity.

The President and his brother were seated four pews back in the church. They paid close attention to the Rev. Dr. U. G. B. Pierce, the pastor, during the sermon.

The church was crowded with members and sightseers. They filled all the seats and the aisles and overflowed upon the sidewalks. A hundred or more well-dressed men and women, who could not obtain admission, were satisfied to remain on the sidewalk throughout the service in the hope of getting a glimpse of the new Executive.

Takes a Walk.

Mr. Taft remained until the service was finished and then passed out through deep lines of waiting admirers. Men and women alike saluted him as he passed out.

On reaching the sidewalk, instead of turning toward the White House the party again elbowed through the crowd and sauntered across Fourteenth street, and toward Thomas circle. A large number of those who had waited outside the church followed.

Everyone who passed recognized the President and bowed. He returned every salute by lifting his hand and smiling. At Dupont circle the party entered the house which Charles P. Taft and his family are occupying.

The President remained there for more than an hour before returning to the White House.

Preaches on Reverence.

Dr. Pierce took his text from the fifth verse of the third chapter of Exodus: "Put off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

"The need of men today, as always, is a fine sense of reverence," he said.

"In the haste and press of life men are prone to forget that business is not the whole of life. Men were not made for business, though business has an honorable place in our affairs. But business matters are often so engrossing that people sometimes forget the end to which these things should contribute. The old word 'holiness' is sometimes used to describe this absorption in things of the senses. It is really too good a word to be so corrupted. To be 'worldly' should mean the inclusion of the whole world, and not merely the material phases of it. For surely reverence for spiritual realities is entitled to the leading place in a universe peopled by spiritual beings. The man who fails to see this is unworthy, because he knows little of the larger world which lies beyond his senses. To be 'worldly' in the fuller sense of the word should mean the recognition of a world in which material things have their due place, but which is not exhausted by these things."

Fighting God.

"Another element of reverence is the recognition of progress as the law of our nature. There is something holy in the orderly unfolding of our life. It is

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WEATHER REPORT.

The barometer continues low over the Lake region, and a depression has moved southeastward to Colorado. Rain in the south Atlantic and east Gulf, and rain or snow in the middle Atlantic States, has been followed by fair weather. Snow flurries continue in the lower Lake region.

The weather will be fair tonight in the middle Eastern and Southeastern States, with increasing cloudiness Monday and rain or snow by Monday night.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Fair tonight and Monday; weather moderate; west winds.

TEMPERATURE.

7 a. m.	35
8 a. m.	35
9 a. m.	35
10 a. m.	35
11 a. m.	35
12 noon.	35
1 p. m.	35

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises	6:24
Sun sets	5:59

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 8:32 a. m. and 8:48 p. m. Low tide, 2:44 a. m. and 3 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 9:06 a. m. and 9:22 p. m. Low tide, 3:19 a. m. and 3:36 p. m.

LAST OF INAUGURAL VISITORS LEAVING WASHINGTON



THE REAR GUARD.

A BUSY SPOT.

MOTIVE ADVANCED
FOR COLLIER'S ACT

Prospect of Dismissal From
Police Force Prompted
Murder, Is Theory.

The fact that John W. Collier, the policeman who killed Capt. William H. Mathews in the Fifth precinct station-house, was under the minimum age limit required of members of the police force and that it may have been known to Captain Mathews, is being advanced today as a possible motive for Collier's deed.

Captain Mathews had earned a reputation as a strict disciplinarian, and there is no doubt in the minds of those who knew him that if he had learned that Collier had joined the police force when he was only nineteen years of age, in violation of the department's regulations, he would have dealt summarily with the offender. These regulations require all candidates for appointment as patrolmen to be at least twenty-four years of age.

Family the Authority.

Collier's family is authority for the statement that he was only nineteen years old when he was appointed, and that he is today only twenty-three years old. Although he would pass for twenty-eight or thirty years of age, on account of his large physique, Collier has a boyish face.

If any exception to the age limit regulation was made in his case, it is known to his brother officers. Lieutenant Sprinkle, who has been in charge of the Fifth precinct since the death of Captain Mathews, stated today that he had never heard it intimated that Collier was under the age limit when he entered the department.

"That is absolutely news to me," he said. "I am sure that no exception was made in Collier's case. I knew him four years ago when he was appointed, and even then he looked several years older than he was, if it is true that he was only nineteen."

Theory Advanced.

It is believed by many that if this information came to Captain Mathews, he would be likely to seek some explanation from Collier. Had he done so, it is suggested, and had Collier acknowledged having violated the department regulation, it is generally conceded that

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BALTIMORE IN TOUCH
WITH OUTER WORLD

Leased Wire of the Munsey Papers Brings First Telegraphic News From Monumental City Since the Blizzard of Last Thursday.

After being isolated for three days as the rest of the Wednesday night blizzard, Baltimore today was restored to telegraphic communication with the world by means of the Munsey News Service's leased wires, which are operated for the benefit of the Sunday afternoon editions of Frank A. Munsey's papers in Washington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia.

These leased wires, which run direct from Washington through Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York to Boston, were opened at 6:30 a. m. today and were re-established immediately. The wires were kept working for the remainder of the day without any break in the Baltimore office.

These wires, which are leased from the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, were the only ones, moreover, that were open to Baltimore until noon, when the Postal Company re-

HOMEWARD BOUND.

HOMESICK CROWD
TRIES TO DEPART

Women and Children Caught
in Station Crush, But
None Injured.

Scores of inaugural visitors, who had gone to the Union Station today to take homeward bound trains, fought their way out of the crowds at the various gates and came back to the city to wait until the congested conditions improve.

The New York express due to leave at 9 o'clock this morning, was not backed into the train shed until a few minutes after that time.

Hundreds of people went to the station early in order to avoid a crowd and to make sure of getting a seat. Their plans were upset, however, because the train on which they were to ride had not been made up and was lost out in the yards.

Crowd Is Restless.

At 9 o'clock, the hour at which the train was due to leave, the crowd around the gate had become restless, and when the train was finally backed in and the gates were opened, there was a crush which the guards on hand were unable to handle.

The ticket inspector saw about one ticket in a hundred as the would-be passengers ran, stumbled, and fell past him, and he made no effort to inspect the tickets.

A number of women, accompanied by children, were caught in the crush, and extricated themselves with difficulty. When they did so they left the station and came back into the city to remain until tomorrow or such time as they are assured that they stand a chance of getting on board a train without engaging in a wild scramble and forming a flying wedge through the gates. Their example was followed by many men, who declared that they preferred to spend another day in Washington to fighting their way to a train and then to stand up on the journey to New York.

The Royal Blue was backed into the station twenty minutes before the hour set for its departure, and it got away on time.

The train dispatchers are still crippled in handling trains, and information with all parts of the country

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BODY OF MURDER
VICTIM IS FOUND
NEAR ALEXANDRIA

Victim Supposed to Have Been Walter F. Schultz,
Sioux City, Iowa, Found Half Buried Under Snow
Near Railroad Station.

MONEY AND WATCH SAFE IN POCKETS

Throat Cut in a Manner That Makes Suicide Seem Impossible—Robbery Not Believed to Have Been
Object of Slayers.

With his throat cut from ear to ear, his body half covered by snow, his valuables untouched in his pockets, and with no signs of a struggle, an unknown white man, concerning whose identity there is yet considerable doubt, was found dead this morning in a field near Alexandria.

The police at first were inclined to the belief that the slain man was Walter F. Schultz, of 1314 Douglas street, Sioux City, Iowa, because of the finding of a card with this name in the pockets of the victim, as well as an express money order payable to the same person. As yet, however, the identification has not been confirmed, and doubt remains because of the possibility of the card being another's.

The unfortunate man's throat was literally hacked apart as though some fiend or fiends had invoked the more horrible tortures of a ragged instrument rather than use a sharp knife.

POLICE ARE BUSY.

This afternoon the police department of Alexandria is at work on what is regarded as one of the most mystifying and cold-blooded murders ever committed in this section. Coroner Moore will hold an inquest over the body during the afternoon.

There are no clues as yet to the

motive for the murder. There are but few as to the identity of the victim.

In his pocket was found a card bearing the name of Walter F. Schultz, 1314 Douglas street, Sioux City, Iowa. There was also found a Wells-Fargo Express Company traveler's money order for \$50, payable to the same name. It was dated Los Angeles, December 9, 1908.

A letter, without envelope, evidently belonging to the dead man, was dated Sioux City, December 30, and was signed "Your Sister, Ellen Dorothy."

There were three cards. One bore the name of Mrs. Alvan Hume Gillette; another was a business card of the Berkely, 233 North Capitol street; on the third was written "J. L. Burch, Carriage Builder, Washington, D. C." No person with these initials could be located here this afternoon, J. A. Burch, a Wisconsin avenue contractor, who was once in the carriage business, said he knew nothing of the man found dead nor had he given anyone a card of this character. It is thought some one may have given the supposed Schultz such a card as a reference.

Cash in Pockets.

The pockets also contained \$23.11 in cash, a gold watch, and a few trinkets. The body was neatly dressed, and beyond its contact with the weather, the clothing was uninjured. The hat was missing.

The fact that the perpetrators of the crime did not take money and valuables from their victim deepens the mystery, as it removes from consideration the idea of robbery as a motive.

The man evidently had been dead for two days, although the body was well preserved, probably by reason of the unusually cold weather, and its being partially covered by snow.

It is deemed possible that the stranger might have got off the train at Alexandria on the stormy night before inauguration day and wandered in the storm out into the field. The supposition of Chief of Police Goode is that the man came over from Washington during the night and started across the field.

Feared to Rob.

About 400 yards from the station, where the body was found, the police believe he must have been attacked by some one who had followed him, probably intending to rob him. Although no signs of a struggle are evident, the subsequent snowfall and rain could easily have obliterated such marks. After hacking his victim's throat with some ragged or blunt instrument the murderer evidently lost heart and fled without carrying out his original design—robbery.

Others contend that no criminal desperate enough to commit a deed of this kind would have left the loot behind, and that therefore the theory of robbery should not figure in attempting a solution of the baffling murder mystery.

The idea of suicide is eliminated by reason of the fact that no instrument was found near the body, and that the dead man's knife was found shut in his pocket. In addition, it is regarded as a physical impossibility that any one could tear and gash his own throat to such an extent before unconsciousness or death came.

The mutilated body was found at 9:30

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ROOSEVELT TRAMPS
SIX MILES IN RAIN

With Wife, He Walks
Through Mud to Attend
Church Today.

OYSTER BAY, March 7.—Former President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt walked three miles over muddy roads and in a drizzling rain this morning to attend church.

Other church attendants and even friends acquainted with the Roosevelt idea of pedestrianism gasped with astonishment when they saw the ex-President and his wife come walking down the street with muddy shoes and other signs of travel.

But the amazement increased when, after the services, the President and his wife quickly left the church and started on a three-mile tramp back to their home again.

The ex-President wore a gray suit and his wife was dressed plainly in a buckboard. Kermit had a soft cap on the back of his head, while his sister imitated her mother's severely plain attire.

When the time for holy communion arrived the former President, with his wife, walked to and knelt at the altar while the two children took places be-

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SMALL BOY ROLLS
OUT OF BED; KILLED

Often Had Tumble Before Without
Hurting Himself—This Time
Neck Breaks.

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 7.—The four-year-old boy of Bradford Norton was killed at his home, at Monroe, Mich., near here, today by falling out of bed.

The little fellow's neck was broken by the short fall from his bed to the floor.

He had rolled out a number of times before without being hurt.

SAVES 6 FROM FIRE;
ARRESTS MERCHANT

Policeman Does Valiant Service
at Blaze in Tenement.

NEWARK, N. J., March 7.—After rescuing six persons in a fire this morning Roundsmen Henry Selpel arrested Morris Peal, on a charge of incendiarism.

The fire broke out shortly after midnight, at 39 Prince street, in the heart of the tenement district. Peal has a confectionery store on the ground floor at that address. The three floors above are occupied by living apartments.

Selpel was near the fire when the alarm was sent. He carried two women and four children out safely and quelled the panic.

After the flames had been extinguished he made an investigation, and finding that the fire had appeared in two places at the same time, arrested Peal.

WATSON MAY LEAD
FIGHT FOR CANNON

Speaker, It Is Said, Has
Asked Indiana Man to
Be General.

By J. C. WELLIVER.

Speaker Cannon, it is said in high places, has asked the Hon. James E. Watson of Indiana, late member of the House, not to be in a hurry about going home. The Speaker wants Mr. Watson to hang around Washington during the recess of Congress and look after some little matters incident to the forthcoming organization of the House.

In fact, the understanding is that Watson, late whip and one of the most popular and skillful Republican politicians the House has known in years, has been asked to stay and take charge of the Speaker's fight for re-election.

That is giving worry to the powers of the House. They are not sure what will happen; and the reports of a growing disposition of Democrats and insurgent Republicans to coalesce and elect an independent, anti-Cannon Republican Speaker, are not regarded as entirely humorous.

Feel Out Taft.

There are several things of the utmost importance which the Cannon forces want attended to in the next few days. For one, they want to have President Taft felt out and the effort made to secure his influence for Cannon.

Mr. Watson held a long conference on Friday with the new Executive.

FIGHT OVER CARDS,
SHOT BY HIS GUEST

Killer of Wilkesbarre Italian Contractor Escapes After Mysterious Shooting.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 7.—Shot down at work this morning by one of his guests, Antonio Venevento, an Italian contractor, of Pittston, was dead when the police arrived, and the guests had fled. The revolver with which the shooting was done was in the room with the murdered man, and a table, on which the party had been playing cards, was upset.

As far as the police have been able to learn, Venevento and three of four friends spent the night playing cards, and this doubtless resulted in the quarrel which led to the shooting.

State policemen have captured two Italians, but they declare they were not at Venevento's house, and knew nothing of the shooting until the police arrested them.

WARRANT IS SERVED
AFTER LONG SEARCH

Contractor Evades Law for Two Years, But Is Finally Caught.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 7.—After evading a warrant for two years, Albert Beattie, a contractor, fell into the hands of the police at the International bridge near this city this morning as he was about to leave for the Canadian shore. Beattie is charged with perpetrating a land fraud in Leavitt, Ohio, realising \$1,000 on the deal.

Alex Santl, a Lorain butcher and the victim of the alleged fraud, got word that Beattie was in this city and yesterday came here with a lawyer.

LOST ON BROADWAY,
PLIGHT OF MISSES

Sixty Start for Church, But
Can't Travel Gay
White Way.

NEW YORK, March 7.—"Lost on Broadway" was the plight of the sixty pretty young girls from Belmont College, Nashville, who are here seeing the city.

They started out from the Cumberland Hotel this morning to attend services at the Broadway Tabernacle. They marched two abreast with the chaplain, Miss Heron, at the head. Some one had told them that the church was but a few blocks away, so they dressed in all of their light Southern finery, disdaining umbrellas and rubbers.

Instead of going north on Broadway they walked south, and, before they had gone far, the rain commenced to come down in a fine drizzle, wetting their plumes and plastering the sober brown veils to their faces. At Forty-ninth street they found a man standing on a corner and, after a consultation, the chaplain, backed by the line of girls, entered into a colloquy with him on New York distances.

Hid His Ignorance.

The man evidently did not want to confess his ignorance of the whereabouts of New York churches and directed them further down and over toward Seventh avenue. So the line resumed its march.

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